(b) whether it is a fact that the above imported missiles have now become useless; if so, the number and value thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have fixed any accountability in the matter by conducting an enquiry in to the case; if so, the details of actions taken after fixing the accountability; and

(d) if not, the reasons for Government's callous attitude towards the matter?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (d) Air Hqrs have procured R-73 Missiles during 1995—99 under different contracts. Approximate cost of procurement of R-73 Missiles is Rs. 340 crores in foreign exchange. The missiles were procured from Russia. The missiles are in serviceable/operational condition except a very insignificant number which are being attended to by the vendor under warranty clause. The procurement was done under warranty clause and no problems have been faced whatsover.

Indo-Russian Defence Relations

1095. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Indo-Russian protocol on defence relations between India and Russia has recently been signed when he visited Russia last month;

(b) if so, the objectives of the protocol and the details thereof; and

(c) whether the problem of international and cross-country terrorism has been adequately highlighted in the protocol and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) A Protocol on the results of my official visit to the Russian Federation from June 26—29, 2000 was signed by the two sides on June 29, 2000.

(b) The Protocol focused on issued of Defence and Military Technical Cooperation between the two countries. It will not be in the interest of national security to disclose details of the Protocol.

(c) During my meetings with the Russian leadership the subject of international and cross-country terrorism also came up for discussion. Both sides resolved to contain and eliminate the scourge of terrorism. Since the Protocol focused on Defence and Military-Technical Cooperation and it was signed by the Defence Secretary and the First Deputy Defence Minister of the Russian Federation, the two co-Chairmen of the Indo-Russian Group on Military-Technical Cooperation this subject was not included in the Protocol.

Terrorists Activities in J and K

1096. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether terrorist activities in Jammu and Kashmir are on the rise;

(b) if so, the number of civilians and security personnel killed during the last six months; and

(c) what steps are being taken to prevent further escalation of terrorist activities?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) There have been continued efforts on the part of certain terrorist outfits and their promoters and supporters from across the border to escalate terrorist related activities.

(b) During the 6 months period from January 1, 2000 to June 30, 2000, 119 Army/RR personnel and 361 civilians were killed.

(c) Several steps including the strengthening of border management, gearing up of intelligence machinery, greater functional integration through an institutional framework under the UHQ at various levels, improving technology, weapons and equipment for security forces etc. have been effectively undertaken.

Storage of Missiles and Ammunitions

1097. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a policy to store ammunition away from the cities;